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***GOVERNOR NAPOLITANO APPOINTS NEW STUDENT REGENT***  
***Northern Arizona University student Mary Venezia to join Board of Regents***

PHOENIX – Governor Napolitano today announced the appointment of Northern Arizona University sophomore Mary Venezia to the Arizona Board of Regents. Venezia is a Speech Communication major and a graduate of St. Mary's High School in Phoenix.

"I was impressed with Mary's enthusiasm and her extra-curricular and philanthropic involvement," said Governor Napolitano. "She will bring a unique and valuable perspective to the Board."

In addition to being a full-time student, Venezia is involved in student government and the Greek system at NAU, and also serves as a Resident Assistant. In high school she was student body vice president and a member of National Honor Society. She was also captain of the varsity girls' golf team and a state finalist. Her diverse and expansive volunteer experience ranges from working with deaf, blind and disabled pre-school children to leading a junior high youth group.

Pending Senate confirmation, Venezia will take her seat on the Board of Regents as a nonvoting member, and be eligible to vote on issues before the Board in 2008.